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important change that streamlines the process of licensure for those individuals. Where there were three entities, now there will be one, and a lot of work went into that effort. And the last thing is a small change dealing with indigent and allowing counties the option to save money, to cremate versus bury those individuals. There is very few cases involved but it was brought by Lancaster County, and that's why it is included. That's what's in the amendment, ask for adoption of it.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1354. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Members, would you please vote if you care to. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Wesely would move to amend the bill. (See FA736 on page 1694 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, actually, this is Senator Robak's change that she wanted. It has a consultation with the entity that she talked about as they do this study. Senator Robak, why don't you take the rest of the time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Senator Wesely, for agreeing to allow me to insert this amendment. What it does, it would allow the task force in AM1354 (sic) to work in consultation with this new Mental Health Planning and Evaluation Council that was born in 1994 as a result of an interim study on mental health issues, and the council will make a determination along with the task force that Senator Wesely has introduced in his amendment, and I just urge the advancement of this amendment. It would stop duplication, the right hand would know what the left hand is doing, and